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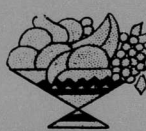
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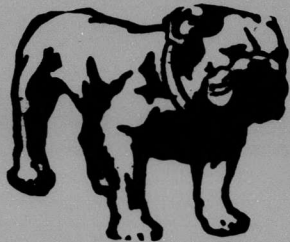
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## THE FEDERATION CONVENTION

By Chester M. Wright.

Toronto, Oct. 16.—(ILNS)—With pomp and circumstances the forty-ninth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor got under way, monumental issues looming ahead, great promise of achievement in the air.

There were the customary greetings—local union officers, city and provincial officers, a Dominion cabinet member still to come—greetings that rang with all the phrases native to the American continent. Take it from Torontonians, this is the greatest city in the world and they make no effort to conceal the fact. Toronto labor did itself proud in welcoming efforts and promises to keep up the good work until the last delegate has gone his way. The labor and civic officials told about the climate, the lake, the schools, the municipal street railway, the great hydro, the parks, the playgrounds, the care of the sick and the maimed and the few who are indigent. They told a mighty good story and told it well.

Then came William Green, responding in melting phrases, accepting everything with a grace and a felicity of speech that marked his efforts as those of a master, and then, then came the solidity and the meat of world issues.

### Six Main Pledges.

Six main pledges to the world marked President Green's opening address:

1. Men and women must have the opportunity to work as long as they live and machines must not throw them out—no more deadline at 40.
2. Unemployment as the result of invention must cease.
3. We must have relief from the injunction.
4. We must have old age security.
5. The material must give way to the finer things of life—the "great intangibles" must have their day.
6. We must have world peace.

"We have in the United States," Mr. Green said, "injunction relief legislation which must be enacted for the protection of the masses of those who work. We have social relief legislation to care for the aged and the sick. We are determined to press for old age legislation. There are among the problems we have had constantly with us. We propose to grapple with them and press for a more just solution.

### Problems of Modern Life.

"But associated with them are problems growing out of our modern industrial life. We are astounded as we contemplate the record. When we met in this city twenty years ago there was no radio, none of the other great modern inventions. Mechanical changes that startle us by their magnitude were then undreamed of.

"But there is no movement among men so flexible in its policies as the American Federation of Labor. Because of that we are able to adjust ourselves to rapid changes.

"We have been taught to believe corporations have no souls, but it was left to these later days to emphasize the fact. They are discriminating against men of 40 who are then at their best. It is inhuman and indefensible from any point of view. The American Federation of Labor will continue its offensive until the public is aroused. Men and women must be given the opportunity to work as long as they live and we will contest uncompromisingly for that right.

### Machine-Made Unemployment.

"Then we have technological unemployment, growing out of our machine age. Men are being driven out because machines take their places. We do not oppose invention. We believe that mechanical invention can be made a blessing. We demand that while the evolution is going on that agencies be set up to tide men over the transition—to take care of the men and women while this change is going on. We protest against the policy pursued whereby men are displaced and cast aside."

And then the president swung sharply to world peace.

"The mind of the entire world is occupied thinking about world peace," he said. "Never in the history of the nations was greater impetus given to it. We abhor war. We have better notions about how disputes may be settled and we hope war may never occur again. We are reminded of the peaceful relations between the United States and Canada. We have lived as a family, and we will continue to live in that relationship. There is no force for continuing that relationship more potent than the hosts of labor."

Mr. Green declared that the boundary does not change the economic status of the workers and that this they meet through the labor movement. He pointed to the "inexorable operation" of economic influences and placed the labor movement high in the scale of world peace forces. Then he took up the visit of Prime Minister MacDonald, viewing it as a world political event, apart from the Prime Minister's labor relations, which Mr. Green did not mention.

### MacDonald on "Holy Mission."

"Just now the great Premier of Great Britain is visiting the United States," he said, "calling upon the distinguished President of the United States. He comes on a holy mission. We wish him God-speed on this great pilgrimage. I know I voice the sentiments of the millions in and out of our movement that the great Premier of Great Britain may succeed in his laudable purpose. We want the men and women of the British Empire to know that our movement can be counted with them in the effort to establish the instrumentalities of peace. We want more value on life and less on material things. We want the great intangibles of human life to supersede the dollar mark."

President William Green of the American Federation of Labor delivered a smashing blow at so-called liberal and progressive publications that attack labor in an address at the annual convention of the International Labor Press of America, owner of International Labor News Service.

In this address President Green paid high tribute to the trade union press, weekly and monthly, and to the International Labor News Service. He scored bitterly those publications that call themselves progressive, but that continuously attacked labor, its leaders and its policies. Added to this he quoted from an editorial in the Scripps-Howard newspapers in which the American Federation of Labor was denounced. He said he was unable to understand the reasons for these attacks, but that labor must rely upon and develop its own trade union newspapers.

"I came this evening to meet with you," President Green said, "for just a few minutes and take advantage of this opportunity to show you how

much as president of the American Federation of Labor I appreciate the services rendered by the editors of these publications, by the labor press and by all of you who serve by educating the public at large regarding the principles of our great movement.

### Labor Press Most Valuable.

"I have placed a higher valuation on the labor press than a great many people associated with our movement have understood. It appears to me that the labor press is rendering a most valuable service. I have read some of the most splendid articles in your publications. They were filled with the philosophy and wisdom of labor's cause.

"Just at this time we find the editors of some publications that are regarded as progressive constantly attacking the American Federation of Labor. I am not going to attract your attention to the publications by name, but you have had your attention already called to them. These publications denounce the American Federation of Labor. It is fortunate that we have a labor press loyal to the principles of the trade union movement."

Mr. Green then told of an editorial just published in the Scripps-Howard newspapers in which these papers, long regarded as friendly, criticized the American Federation of Labor. The editorial, he

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said, "bitterly attacked" the Federation as lacking militancy.

#### "Never More Militant."

"I cannot understand what is behind all this," Mr. Green continued. "We were never more militant, aggressive or stronger than we are now."

"I have received a telegram informing me that this nation-wide editorial charges 'labor's failure to meet the vital issues.' It says further, 'the American Federation of Labor is failing miserably to meet the vital issues' and 'never was its weakness more apparent.'"

"There have been misinterpretations of statements by our movement and our leaders have been misrepresented. I am not so sensitive that I cannot expect criticism, but when an editorial is written that this great movement is failing miserably, I challenge that statement. It is not failing miserably, it is meeting its responsibilities. There are other publications abusing us, and I don't know what we would do without the labor press to counteract these statements. I want to express to you editors my very deepest appreciation. I know your difficulties and I wish we could strengthen that press."

#### Proud of Labor Papers.

"I wish we had money to finance the labor press, that we could give it a wider opportunity. I am proud of all that you are doing, of what the labor editors, the weekly papers and the official journals are doing, of what your International Labor News Service is doing. I am glad to come here, Mr. President, and say these things to you."

President Matthew Woll warmly thanked President Green and the meeting gave him an ovation. President Woll assured him of continued loyalty and aggressive support of the labor press of the nation for the principles and policies of the American Federation of Labor.

#### Officers Are Re-elected.

President Woll, Secretary-Treasurer R. E. Woodmansee, Editor Chester M. Wright and the following vice-presidents were re-elected: Charles Baine, Shoe Workers' Journal, Boston, Mass.; P. J. Morrin, Trade Union News, St. Louis, Mo.; John J. Leary, Jr., Daily World, New York; John C. Saylor, Labor Herald, Wilmington, Del.; Thomas Burke, Plumbers' Journal, Chicago, Ill.; William Kohn, Upholsterers' Journal, New York; Harry W. Fox, Wyoming Labor Journal, Cheyenne.



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#### Sir Henry Thornton and Others Explain Big Gains That Have Come From Organized Co-operation With Employers Along the Lines of the B. & O. Plan—President Green Challenges Southern Industry to Choose Between Old "Blow for Blow" Existence or Enlightened Machinery of Ordered Progress.

Trade unionism and its genius for bringing peace, harmony, democracy and progress into industry, was given one of its most remarkable tributes in the American Federation of Labor convention here during a half-day session devoted to union-management co-operation.

It was a half-day forum, a miniature Williams-town institute, designed as the first of a series of annual convention-time institutes dealing with industrial relations and trade union philosophy. Sir Henry Thornton, K. B. E., president and chairman of the board of the Canadian National Railways, made the principal address. It was participated in by Otto S. Beyer, Jr., consulting engineer, Railway Employees' Department, American Federation of Labor; Arthur O. Wharton, president, International Association of Machinists; G. M. Bugniet, secretary, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; and concluded by President William Green in one of the most notable addresses he has yet made.

Green's challenge to industry's "backward peoples"—the textile barons of the South and their kind—that industry in ignorance can have the old blow for blow existence if it will have no better, or it can have the enlightened machinery of ordered progress offered by labor, with its development of stability for industry, stability of employment, progressive gains in wages, vacations with pay, decent working conditions and profit to both employed and employers. "Who wants the blow-for-blow existence" he cried.

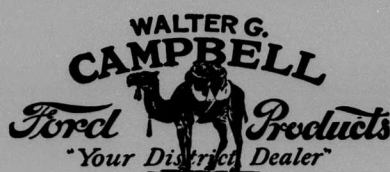
#### Speeches Greeted Enthusiastically.

So large a gathering of leaders has never had such elucidation of American labor's greatest experiment and experience in organized co-operation with management. Tremendous applause greeted the speakers and appreciation of the addresses was general after adjournment.

It was explained that union-management co-operation rests upon the bedrock of mutual recognition of rights, first and principally the absolute right to organize and choose representatives. It was brought out that adjustment of relations, including differences, is a constant matter and not an occasional matter. The relationship is living and continuous. It was said that the Baltimore & Ohio railroad has adopted some 19,000 out of some 23,000 suggestions that have grown out of the co-operative relationship, showing the gains to employers. On the Canadian National 17,000 employees have gained, among other things, one week's vacation with pay—17,000 weeks of vacation with pay. "Imagine what that means toward stabilization of employment," said President Wharton of the Machinists.

"It is obvious," said Sir Henry Thornton, "that capital as applied to production becomes quite useless unless accompanied by labor. Both are equally

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#### Labor Has Right to Partnership.

"No general, however great his skill, ever won victories with a discontented army. Labor has won its right to partnership, and sagacious capital will welcome such a partnership. With a recognition of the partnership principle, there automatically must disappear that contention and strife which is just as expensive in the industrial world as it is in the relations between nations."

Mr. Beyer described in great detail the manner in which the co-operative plan was installed on the B. & O. and the Canadian National Railways, the two outstanding roads with which such relations have been established. "Full and cordial recognition of the standard unions," he set down as the first condition. "Reciprocity in solution of problems," he gave as another, achieved through joint conference machinery. He pointed out that under this plan the workers do not have to make a grievance out of every suggestion for change. "These shops look like human places to work," he said, describing some of the results. He enumerated the advantages to the workers—advantages in better conditions, properly adjusted pay, vacations with pay, stabilized employment, in fact "a new standard of employment."

President Green summed up the discussion in an address that amounted to a ringing challenge to critics of both extremes, as well as a declaration of labor's purpose to bring order into industry if given the chance. He made it clear that where this is not done it is because force prevents the organization of workers into unions.

#### Collective Bargaining Fundamental.

"From the beginning," he said, "organized labor has stood staunchly for collective bargaining. The fundamental on which it rests is organization. That right has been constantly challenged. That is what we are fighting for in the South and in the mass production industries today. We contend that if employers will cease this hostility and will engage in collective bargaining the workers will give the best service of which they are capable. The unions will make agreements and keep them and help to stabilize industry. We have heard this morning an exposition of the highest expression of collective bargaining. We could not have that unless the workers had the right to organize."

"When employers ask us to collectively work with them, are we to make warfare? Is blow-for-blow the normal state of life? There was an organization in the United States that proclaimed unending war and that between battles preached sabotage. The trade unions have never preached

that doctrine. No organization preaching it could live.

"In the development of this plan discussed here today the workers do not enter into it to exchange blow for blow, to bring injury and distress. They enter to develop understanding, to promote higher wages, reduce hours of work, vacations with pay, and to bring about mutual advantages."

"I am thinking of this method of operation and of the continual warfare in the South where the workers are fighting and giving their lives for the right to organize. What would we rather have—this—or what we have in the South?"

"The addresses this morning are the most unanswerable argument for collective bargaining. It does not mean the millennium. Labor must fight, under any plan. But it can fight intelligently."

#### DO WOMEN WORK FOR PIN MONEY?

The theory that women work for "pin money" is challenged by Miss Mary Anderson, director United States Women's Bureau, in a public statement.

The great bulk of women wage earners, says Miss Anderson, are working to raise money for the bare essentials of life or to raise the standard of living of their families.

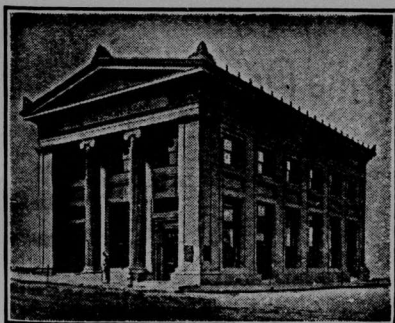
"The theory that women work just for feminine fripperies would be ridiculous except for the mischief it has wrought in the past in keeping women's wages low and the possibility of it as a continued menace to the wage-earning opportunities and progress of women until every vestige of it is dissipated," says Miss Anderson, who refers to "cold, hard facts and statistics based on investigations" made by her bureau.

"Those who still cling to this theory will have to change the definition of 'pin money' when they face actual facts. A woman's so-called 'pin money' is often the family coupling pin, the only means of holding the family together and of making ends meet. Very few women, if any, work just for money for trinkets and trifles or for a few extra dollars to fritter away on amusements and luxuries. The great bulk of women wage earners are working in factories, mills, stores, offices, restaurants, laundries and other places to earn money for the bare essentials of life or to raise the standards of living for their families and give their children a better education and a greater opportunity to advance in life."

"Over 8,500,000 women are working at paid jobs in the United States, according to the 1920 census. Among this number are about 2,000,000 married women, although the 1930 census will doubtless show an increased number."

"The married women are at present probably the ones most pricked and in most instances seriously injured by the pin-money theory. The prejudice against the married woman worker has been voiced on so many sides and a misunderstanding of the reasons for her gainful employment is sufficiently prevalent to call for special discussion of her problems."

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### "RUN O' THE HOOK"

Edited by the President of San Francisco Typographical Union No. 21. Members are requested to forward news items to Rm. 604, 16 First Street, San Francisco.

The October meeting of the union will be held on Sunday and every member should be present. Delegates to the Seattle convention will in all probability render their report, as will the scale committee, and the meeting promises to be an interesting one.

Carrol E. Fisk, well-known to the membership, and for many years associated with Hancock Bros., was in the city during the past week supervising making of some improvements on the reserve seat ticket press, designed by Mr. Fisk, which is in successful operation at Hancock Bros.

The following item is taken from the Colorado Springs Labor News of October 11th, and will interest many members: "Harry S. Hornage has presented to the Printers' Home library a souvenir program of the 1886 convention of the International Typographical Union, and the badge he wore as a delegate to this meeting, from the Stockton, Calif., local. Mr. Hornage's donation is an interesting relic and will be placed in the valued collection of the library. The 1886 convention was held at Pittsburgh, and it was there that a concerted movement was made toward the establishment of the Printers' Home—this magnificent institution of which today we are all so proud. Brother Hornage was a charter member of Stockton Typographical Union No. 56, when it was organized in 1883, and he has been secretary of this Union for the past 26 years. He has had over 45 years of active service in organized labor circles and is still going strong. Many of the old-timers of the road can testify to Harry's liberality and kindly disposition."

The following resolution, introduced by G. A. Maitland, was unanimously adopted by San Francisco Typographical Union No. 21: "Resolved, That San Francisco Typographical Union express to Bishop Edwin H. Hughes our appreciation of his forceful exposition and support of child labor legislation, as given in his Conference sermon at the Municipal Auditorium, and broadcast over KGO Sunday morning, September 15, 1929.

Resolved further, That, if possible, The Labor Clarion secure and publish at least that portion of Bishop Hughes' sermon which so emphatically encouraged the effort to legislate out of existence the use of the labor of children to fatten the dividends of industrial investments in the United States.

Resolved further, That Bishop Hughes' remarks, together with the circumstances pertaining to their delivery, be furnished to the Typographical Journal for publication."

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### Chronicle Chapel Notes—By C. C.

A resolution, unanimously adopted by the chapel at its regular monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon, commends the enthusiastic co-operation and courtesy shown by A. D. Atwood, auditor of the Chronicle Publishing Company, and Grace Fletcher, secretary to Mr. Atwood, in behalf of T. H. Jansen's claim for total disability insurance and the successful conclusion of that claim. This resolution was spread upon the minutes and copies sent to the above. Mr. Jansen was recently granted total disability from the company writing the group insurance in force in this office, and it was partly due to the efforts of the above that Mr. Jansen's claim was OK'd. Another resolution was introduced and unanimously adopted by the chapel commending Chairman McKnight for the part he played in furthering Mr. Jansen's claim. McKnight did a great deal of work in this case and the chapel showed its appreciation to him in the above manner.

Those who would have the billboards removed from our highways, thereby affording the motorists more view of the country, have a strong champion in their cause in the person of Raymond Butcher. "Butch" and his missus are now among those in that large percentage of citizens who support the gasoline tax, or in other words, the proud owner of a brand new Ford, and, as Raymond tells it, you can go places and see things aplenty with one of those new cars.

Speaking of baseball, Dinty Gallagher is more than having a fine time with those boys unfortunate enough to pick the Missions to win the Pacific Coast Baseball League pennant. We who supported the Reds are lucky that Hollywood and not the Seals won out, for Dinty would sure have spread the mustard in that case.

Jess Morse expressed the view that the now famous seventh inning rally made by the Athletics last Saturday "was not a baseball game, but a riot." Take the head of the class, Jess; you win the glass baseball bat.

Jack Caldwell picked up his card and departed for San Jose, where he is now located as machinist on the San Jose News. R. H. Van Schaick has taken Jack's place.

Selig Olcovich brings word that "Pop" Fish will be around again next week, having recovered from his recent accident.

Senor Guillermo Asencio was a visitor at headquarters during the past week and requested that the writer extend to all union printers of this country fraternal greetings from the Union de Tipografos de Nicaragua, of which he is a prominent member. Senor Asencio is in charge of the Imprenta Nacional (government printing office) at Managua, Nicaragua. Senor Asencio informed the writer that there were approximately 900 union printers in the small country of Nicaragua, practically all of whom were members of the Union de Tipografos, and that the union had contracts with virtually all employers calling for an 8-hour day and \$8.00 gold. Senor Asencio carried beautifully engraved credentials from the president of the Nicaraguan Union, and when asked for a statement said, in part: "I came to the United States as a special delegate of the 'Union de Tipografos de Nicaragua' to bring a message of fraternal feeling to the printers, linotypists, and bookbinders of America, to all the sons of Gutenberg, incorporated. En route I visited Guatemala and Mexico with the same mission. After seeing the marvelous improvements in the printing of this colossal country, I became enthusiastic, and de-

cided to stay for some time to study the modern system of graphic arts. It has been my privilege to study the latest systems of the press in Europe's most advanced countries, among them Germany and Italy, but I find the progress of printing in America surpasses them all. Many important newspapers are published in Nicaragua, 'El Comercio' being the oldest and one of the best. The one of most value to the national life of my country is 'La Noticia,' which is directed by the brilliant journalist, Juan Ramon Aviles. Nicaragua is a small country, but rich in natural beauty. The capital, the city of Managua, has a picturesque landscape round about. Beautiful highways lead out to its lovely environs of mountain and lake country. After a long period of war and the calamities of war, my homeland has at last come into an era of peace. The present President, Sr. General Moncade, had saved Nicaragua from terrible chaos. In all fairness we must acknowledge that we owe the establishment of peace in a large measure to the United States. Now the people are coming into freedom, commerce is increasing, highways are being built to all parts of the country, railroads are being extended toward the wild mountain regions. In comparison, the United States seems like 'the promised land.' Here I find a democratic country, where within the realm of honest work all are on the same level. Though to the laborer life is a little hard, yet he can live with satisfaction in many ways. About the teaching in America's free public schools what more can I add to that estimate of all great thinkers of the great educational system I find here? I admire the devotion of the teachers of this country, who, with such patience and self-abnegation teach as little children the people of all races. How much the world owes in its cultural movement to these disinterested workers of our modern civilization!"

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**HEALTH IS WEALTH.**

Dr. W. M. Holtz, medical director of one of our largest public utility companies, in a statement made public by the Gorgas Memorial Institute of Washington, D. C., says that while the simple health preventive measures require some personal exertion and will power, they cost the man in industry practically nothing, financially, and in addition they bring a certainty of freedom from much sickness and assure more continuity of employment.

In his discussion of health values, Doctor Holtz says: "Health is wealth" is truly applicable to the worker in industry more so than to any other group of persons. The worker's health is usually his main capital, frequently his only asset. If in some way in the early years of employment this thrift fact could be emphasized and assimilated, we would see many less health bankruptcies in later life. This is the writer's observation after 20 years of all-time medical activities among 11,000 employees in a public utility concern.

"The common devitalizing factors in the average man's working career are directly traceable to violations of well-known but loosely regarded, yet immutable, rules of personal hygiene. 'Accidents of health' befall the high and mighty about as often as the lowly and poor—i. e., pneumonia, appendicitis, heart disease and the well recognized cardio-vascular renal picture; but these 'accidents' do not concern us in this article.

"What does concern us are 'the common cold,' causing 35 per cent of sick absenteeism, the many varieties of 'stomach trouble'; 'Monday sicknesses'—in large manufacturing company being 33 per cent of those who are sick; and such symptomatic conditions as boils, headaches and 'rheumatism,' and finally the multiplicity of 'mental' illnesses. These conditions contribute immeasurably to the sum total of inability to work, and much of it can be, and in some industries actually is being prevented. The prevention of sickness that can be prevented should appeal to workers generally, not only for the personal economic values, but for the certainty of living longer and better.

"Large industries that furnish at least part time medical service for employees are gradually solving these problems of sick-absenteeism. After the industry has made its shops and factories sanitary, much remains to be done in reaching the fellow on the job. Too much emphasis on a safe and sanitary working place tends to overshadow the importance of a safe and sanitary home. Local health agencies are glad to co-operate in sanitation, and it should not then be difficult to interest the worker in such health measures as removing the breeding places of flies and mosquitoes, screening windows and doors, suitable refrigeration for foods, inspection of milk and water supplies, correction of ventilating and heating methods, the value of proper clothing in season, isolation of sick members of the family in pneumonia, tuberculosis and the ordinary communicable diseases.

"Food values are readily available for any person interested. The benefits of personal hygiene may be secured by everybody if only some regular attention is given to care of the teeth, bathing, rest

of the body and mind, temperance in recreations. These things do not appeal to youth, but if good habits that include personal hygiene can be encouraged in youth, there will surely be less sickness as the years go by, and less money spent for doctors, nurses, drugs and the items that become so necessary when illness befalls. One very simple measure for preventing sickness is frequent washing of the hands, especially before eating or handling food, and careful avoidance of contact of fingers with nose, lips and mouth.

"The practical value of these things is (1) almost no financial expense; they do require some personal exertion and will power; (2) the certainty of freedom from much sickness that is preventable and of course more continuity of employment.

"With advancing age, we should become more intelligently curious about ourselves, because our illnesses, although less frequent than in our younger years, last longer and take heavier toll of our bodies. Self diagnosis; making an alibi for every headache, or pain, or loss of appetite, or dizzy spell, or so-called 'cold'—is dangerous practice. Why not consult the most competent doctor that can be reached and be guided by his advice? It's too late to get much, if any, benefit after carelessness in this matter of health has allowed a curable condition to become chronic and disabling."

**LABOR PRESS MISSION GROWS.**

"The field of the labor press extends as the merging of daily newspapers extends," declared Paul Scharrenberg, secretary-treasurer State Federation of Labor, in his report to the annual convention at Long Beach, Calif.

"Within recent years some 90 American cities have come into the class having only one morning newspaper," said Mr. Scharrenberg.

"The self-satisfying claim that workers can enter other industries will not suffice. The 'other' industries are also victims of the same revolution. Even such unskilled callings as road making and sewer digging are being done by machinery.

"If the trend toward newspaper monopoly continues, the outlook for fearless probing, fighting, searching journalism is poor. It may be said that there will be the fear that competition may arise, but that danger lessens for the simple reason that embarking in newspaper publication today is a very expensive business.

"The only redeeming feature about this merging and monopolizing of daily papers is the obvious fact that it enlarges and makes much more important the field of the labor press. In several California cities today the trade union journal stands out as the only paper through which the issues vital to the masses can get an adequate hearing and presentation. A big daily paper, monopolizing its field, is a business enterprise. The labor paper remains a human enterprise. Therein is its opportunity.

"It is the historic mission of the labor press to point to the fact that we are yet at the threshold of the automatic-machine age. Inventors and scientists are ceaseless in their efforts to develop machinery and processes that will dispense with human labor power. With workers displaced, and their purchasing power destroyed, who will buy the machine-made commodities?"

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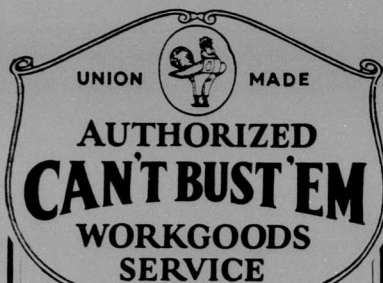
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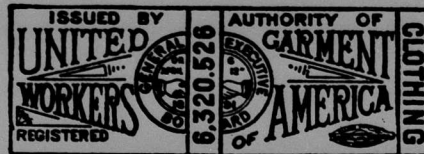
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## SAN FRANCISCO LABOR COUNCIL

### Synopsis of Minutes of Meeting Held Friday Evening, October 11, 1929.

Called to order at 8:10 p. m. by President William P. Stanton.

Roll call of officers, all present, excepting Vice-President Baker, excused.

Minutes of previous meeting approved as printed.

**Credentials**—Upholsterers No. 28, S. S. King, T. Chiesa; Steam Shovel Men No. 45, George White vice John P. Moran; delegates seated.

**Communications**—Filed—Minutes of San Francisco Building Trades Council of preceding week. Photo Engravers, notice of change of meeting to first Friday of every month, at 150 Golden Gate avenue, and stating they have organized a Ladies' Auxiliary. Adolph Uhl, requesting arrangement for a debate on fill and cover method of disposal of garbage for purpose of reclaiming the 1000 acres at South Basin.

Referred to Executive Committee—Communication from Central Labor Union of Boston, Mass., requesting co-operation in securing action from Congress for the installation of some system of pneumatic delivery of mail between Boston Airport and the Central Postoffice and branches.

Resolution, presented by Machinists No. 68, in favor of the recognition of Soviet Russia, to promote trade and the extension of exports of American made goods and machinery to the Russian market. Read and filed.

**Report of the Executive Committee**—Reported result of conference held with representative of the Leighton Industries, Inc., and the representatives of the Local Joint Board of Hotel and Restaurant Employees' International Alliance, Bakers No. 24 and Musicians No. 6, relative to efforts on the part of the firm to inaugurate an apprentice system in their eating places; a temporary agreement was effected, restoring the former conditions' pending future conference with heads of the Leighton Industries on their return to San Francisco from the East. Recommended that the request of the Culinary Unions for placing the Koffee Kup, 5424 Geary street, on the Council's We Don't Patronize List be granted. Committee also reported a vacancy on the Executive Committee, owing to the withdrawal of Dave Hardy as a delegate, such vacancy to be filled by special election, pursuant to law of the Council. Report concurred in.

**Report of Organizing Committee**—Recommended that the application for affiliation of Dredgemen's Union 45 C, be granted. Concurred in.

**Reports of Unions**—Grocery Clerks—Chain grocery stores all unfair and breaking down conditions of the trade. Barbers—Barbership in Mission Hotel, Howard street, near 16th, unfair. Restaurant Employees—Report the restaurant in Mission Hotel also unfair. Garment Workers No. 131—Report death of their President, Margaret Stump. Cracker Bakers No. 125—Report another unfair concern contemplating to locate here, Loose Wiles Co.; request increased patronage for locally made crackers and cakes. Photo Engravers—Are still carrying on their fight for a 40-hour week. Auto Mechanics—Request demand for their shop card. Trustees reported favorably on the bills, and warrants ordered drawn for payment of same. Manuel Jacobs, one of the new delegates of Teachers Federation No. 61, gave an interesting address on the history of the labor movement in efforts to promote education and pointed out how the Jewish elements especially have been active in that direction.

Delegate Roman of the Barbers gave an interesting account of his travels in the Eastern states and made comparisons favorable to San Francisco.

Delegate Baker of Typographical No. 21 explained the need of calling the attention of political



candidates to the use of the Allied Printing Trades label of San Francisco, in order to give proper support to the Photo Engravers, who are one of the unions embraced by that label, and that a typographical label alone is insufficient here to designate union-made election cards and cuts.

**New Business**—On motion the Law and Legislative Committee was instructed to investigate and report on the ballot propositions that will appear on the November municipal ballot.

On motion meeting adjourned out of respect to the memory of Margaret Stump, delegate to the Council and late President of United Garment Workers No. 131.

**Receipts**—\$754.90. **Expenses**—\$146.15.

Adjourned at 9:45 p. m.

Fraternal submitted,  
JOHN A. O'CONNELL, Secretary.

### MEXICAN LABOR FIGHTS THE CODE.

A protest by the Mexican Federation of Labor against the new labor code of that country has been received by the Pan-American Federation of Labor. The protest declares that the code will practically abrogate Article 123 of the constitution of that country and establish compulsory arbitration, destroy collective bargaining and nullify protection to women and children. This article is the charter of Mexican wage earners.

The campaign against the new code is being directed by the executive committee of the Mexican Federation of Labor.

The radio will be used for Mexico and the South of North America. Mass meetings, motion pictures, newspapers and the distribution of pamphlets by airplanes will also feature the protest. Railroads, street cars, busses and other vehicles will be placarded.

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Those versed in political affairs need not be told of the cunning methods adopted by politicians to bring about their election.

A candidate for political office, while making a campaign speech, sought to discover the denominational sympathies of his audience, in order that he might turn the information to advantage. "My great grandfather," he began, "was an Episcopalian (stony silence), but my great-grandmother belonged to the Presbyterian church (continued silence). My grandfather was a Baptist (more silence), but my grandmother was a Congregationalist (still frigid silence). But I had a great-aunt

who was a Methodist (loud applause). And—and I have always followed my great-aunt," (loud and continuous cheering). He got in.

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Alaska Fishermen—Meet Fridays during February, March, April and October, 49 Clay.  
Asphalt Workers—Meet 2nd and 4th Mondays at Labor Temple.  
Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers No. 104—Meet Fridays, 224 Guerrero.  
Auto Mechanics No. 1305—Meet Wednesdays, 8 p. m., 108 Valencia.  
Baggage Messengers—Meet 2nd Monday, 60 Market. Sec., Robt. Berry, 1059 56th St., Oakland.  
Bakers No. 24—Meet 1st and 3rd Saturdays, at Labor Temple.  
Bakery Wagon Drivers—Meet 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 112 Valencia.  
Barbers No. 148—Meet 1st and 3rd Mondays, 112 Valencia.  
Bill Posters No. 44—B. A. Brundage, 51 Rae.  
Blacksmiths and Helpers—Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, Labor Temple.  
Boilermakers No. 6—Meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays, Labor Temple.  
Bookbinders—Office, Room 804, 693 Mission. Meet 3rd Friday, Labor Temple.  
Bottlers No. 293—Meet 3rd Tues., Labor Temple.  
Boxmakers and Sawyers—Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, Labor Temple.  
Brewery Drivers—Meet 3rd Friday, Labor Temple.  
Brewery Workmen No. 7—Meet 3rd Thursday, Labor Temple.  
Bridge and Structural Iron Workers No. 377—Meet 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 200 Guerrero.  
Butchers No. 115—Meet Wednesday, Labor Temple.  
Butchers No. 508—Meet 1st and 3rd Fridays at Masonic Hall, Third and Newcomb streets.  
Carpenters No. 483—Meets Mondays, 112 Valencia.  
Cemetery Workers—Meets 1st and 3rd Saturdays, Labor Temple.  
Cigarmakers—Meet 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 143 Alblon.  
Chauffeurs—Meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 112 Valencia.  
Cleaners and Dyers—Meet 2nd Thursday at Labor Temple.  
Cleaners, Dyers and Pressers No. 17960—Office, 710 Grant Building.  
Commercial Telegraphers—420 Clunie Bldg.

Cooks No. 44—Meet 1st and 4th Thursdays, 8:30 p. m.; 3rd Thursday at 2:30 p. m., 1164 Market.  
Coopers No. 65—Meet 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at Labor Temple.  
Cracker Bakers No. 125—Meet 3rd Monday, Labor Temple.  
Cracker Packers' Auxiliary—Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, Labor Temple.  
Elevafor Constructors No. 8—Meet 1st and 3rd Fridays, 200 Guerrero.  
Elevator Operators and Starters No. 87—Labor Temple.  
Electrical Workers No. 151—Meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 112 Valencia.  
Electrical Workers No. 6—Meet Wednesdays, 200 Guerrero.  
Electrical Workers No. 537, Cable Splicers.  
Egg Inspectors—Meet 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at Labor Temple.  
Elevator Operators—Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, Labor Temple.  
Federal Employees No. 1—Office, 746 Pacific Bldg. Meet 1st Tuesday, 414 Mason.  
Federation of Teachers No. 61—Meet 2nd Monday, Room 227, City Hall.  
Ferryboatmen's Union—219 Bacon Bldg., Oakland.  
Garage Employees—Meet 2nd Tuesdays, at Labor Temple.  
Garment Cutters No. 45—Meet 2nd and 4th Fridays, Labor Temple.  
Garment Workers No. 131—Meet 1st Thursday at 515 p. m.; 3rd Thursday, 8 p. m., Labor Temple.  
Glove Workers—Meet 1st Tuesday, Labor Temple.  
Grocery Clerks—Meet 1st Thursday, Labor Temple.  
Hatters No. 23—Sec., Jonas Grace, 178 Flood Av.  
Hoisting Engineers No. 59—Meet Mondays, at 200 Guerrero.  
Ice Drivers—Sec., V. Hummel, 3532 Anza. Meet 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Labor Temple.  
Iron, Steel and Tin Workers—Meet 2nd and 4th Saturday afternoon, Metropolitan Hall, South San Francisco.  
Janitors No. 9—Meet 1st and 3rd Thursdays, at Labor Temple.  
Ladies' Garment Workers No. 8—1212 Market.  
Longshoremen's Association—Sec., Emil G. Stein, 85 Clay.  
Laundry Drivers—Meet 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, Labor Temple.  
Laundry Workers No. 26—Meet 1st and 3rd Mondays, Labor Temple.  
Letter Carriers—Sec., Thomas P. Tierney, 635a Castro. Meets 1st Saturday, 414 Mason.  
Lithographers No. 17—Meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 273 Golden Gate avenue.

Machinists No. 68—Meet Wednesdays, at Labor Temple.  
Mallers No. 18—Meet 3rd Sundays, Labor Temple. Secretary, A. F. O'Neill, 771 17th avenue.  
Marine Diesel Engineers No. 49—Bulkhead, Pier 1.  
Material Teamsters No. 216—Meet Wednesdays, 200 Guerrero.  
Masters, Mates and Pilots No. 40—H. F. Strother, Ferry Bldg.  
Masters, Mates and Pilots No. 89—A. J. Wallace, Bulkhead, Pier 7.  
Metal Polishers—Meet 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Labor Temple.  
Milk Wagon Drivers—Meet Wednesdays, at Labor Temple.  
Miscellaneous Employees No. 110—Meet 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 131 Eighth.  
Molders No. 164—Meet Tuesdays, Labor Temple.  
Molders' Auxiliary—Meet 1st Friday.  
Moving Picture Operators—Meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 230 Jones.  
Municipal Sewermen No. 534—200 Guerrero.  
Musicians No. 6—Meet 2nd Thursday; Executive Board, Tuesday, 230 Jones.  
Office Employees—Meet 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, Labor Temple.  
Ornamental Plasterers No. 460—Meet 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 200 Guerrero.  
Painters No. 19—Meet Mondays, 200 Guerrero.  
Patternmakers—Meet 2nd and 4th Fridays, Labor Temple.  
Pavers—Meet 1st Monday, Labor Temple.  
Paste Makers No. 10567—Meet last Saturday of month, 441 Broadway.  
Photo Engravers—Meet 1st Friday, 150 Golden Gate avenue.  
Post Office Clerks—Meet 4th Thursday, at Labor Temple.  
Post Office Laborers—Sec., W. T. Colbert, 278 Lexington.  
Printing Pressmen—Office, 231 Stevenson. Meets 2nd Monday, Labor Temple.  
Professional Embalmers—Sec., Geo. Monahan, 765 Page.  
Retail Cleaners and Dyers No. 18021—Moe Davis, 862 Third.  
Retail Shoe Salesmen No. 410—Meet Tuesdays, 273 Golden Gate avenue.  
Retail Delivery Drivers—Meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays, Labor Temple.  
Sailors' Union of the Pacific—Meets Mondays, 59 Clay.

Sailmakers—Sec., Horace Kelly, 2558 29th Ave. Meet 1st Thursday, Labor Temple.  
Sausage Makers—Meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 3053 Sixteenth.  
Shipyard Laborers—Meet 1st Friday, Labor Temple.  
Stationary Engineers No. 64—Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 200 Guerrero.  
Stationary Firemen—Meet 1st Tuesdays, at Labor Temple.  
Steam Fitters No. 599—Meet 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, Labor Temple.  
Steam Shovel Men No. 45—Meet 1st Saturday, 268 Market.  
Stereotypers and Electrotypers—Meet 3rd Sunday, Labor Temple.  
Stove Mounters No. 61—Sec., Manuel De Salles, R. F. D. 7, Niles, Calif.  
Stove Mounters No. 62—J. J. Kerlin, 1534 29th Ave., Oakland, Calif.  
Street Carmen, Division 518—Meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays, Labor Temple.  
Tailors No. 80—Office, Room 416, 163 Sutter. Meet 2nd and 4th Mondays, Labor Temple.  
Teamsters No. 85—Meet Thursdays, 536 Bryant.  
Technical Engineers No. 11—John Coughlan, 70 Lennox Way.  
Theatrical Stage Employees—Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 230 Jones.  
Theatrical Wardrobe Attendants—Sec., Mrs. Miller, 1640 Lyon.  
Trackmen—Meet 4th Tuesday, Labor Temple.  
Trade Union Promotional League (Label Section)—Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, Labor Temple. Market 7560.  
Tunnel and Aqueduct Workers—P. O. Box 868, Livermore, Calif.  
Typographical No. 21—Office, 16 First St. Meet 3rd Sunday, Labor Temple.  
United Laborers No. 1—Meet Tuesdays, at 200 Guerrero.  
Upholsterers No. 28—Meet 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Labor Temple.  
Watchmen No. 15689—Sec., E. Counihan, 105 Bosworth.  
Waiters No. 30—Meet Wednesdays, 3 p. m., 1256 Market.  
Waitresses No. 48—Meet 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 8 p. m.; 2nd and last Wednesdays, 3 p. m., at 1171 Market.  
Water Workers—Sec., Thomas Dowd, 214 27th St. Meet 1st Monday, Labor Temple.  
Web Pressmen—Meet 4th Sunday, Labor Temple.  
Window Cleaners No. 44—Meet 1st Thursdays, at 7:30 p. m., Labor Temple.



## Brief Items of Interest

The following members of San Francisco unions passed away during the past week: George H. Hebrank of the teamsters, Francis Moran of the watchmen.

These delegates were seated at the last meeting of the Labor Council: S. S. King and T. Chiesa from the Upholsterers' Union; George White of the Steam Shovelmen's Union.

At the request of the Culinary Joint Board, and after efforts at settlement had been unavailing, the Labor Council at its last meeting decided to place the Koffee Kup, 5424 Geary street, on the unfair list of the Council. It is desirable, therefore, that members of unions bear this in mind when visiting eating places in that neighborhood.

The Labor Council last Friday night adjourned out of respect to the memory of Margaret Stumpf, former president of the United Garment Workers' Union, who died rather suddenly during the week after having returned from the convention of the California State Federation of Labor. She had been a delegate to the Council for many years.

The Law and Legislative Committee of the Labor Council is making a study of the propositions that will be on the ballot for determination at the November election, among them that very much discussed problem of garbage disposal. Those who desire to be heard on these matters should get in communication with the committee at the Labor Council office, 205 Labor Temple.

Francis Moran, president of the Watchmen's Union, who died during this week, had been in the

employ of the city for more than thirty years. He was a native of Australia and 67 years of age at the time of death. The funeral was held on Thursday and interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

The barbers have had many attempts made to hamstring their law providing for registration, passed by the Legislature several years ago. Last week Attorney General U. S. Webb rendered a decision that barbers from other states, able to meet the requirements of the law, who present a license from another state which has similar requirements, will not be required to show five years of experience in their application for a California license. Barbers from states with requirements not on a par with California will be required to file affidavits showing at least five years of experience before they can operate in this state.

Luther Steward, president of the National Federation of Federal Employees, recently announced that his organization will make a determined effort at the next session of Congress to get the Saturday half holiday all the year round. Government workers now have the half holiday from the first of June to the last of September. "To grant the short Saturday all year to government workers," said President Steward, "will only be following the trend in industry and business and we expect to see a bill introduced early in the regular session to bring the government into line with the progressive movement in the world of affairs."

### TRAINMEN PROMISE AFFILIATION.

By Chester M. Wright.

Toronto, Oct. 15.—(ILNS)—Affiliation of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, with 185,000 members, was promised to the American Federation of Labor in convention here by President A. F. Whitney, who came here upon the invitation of President William Green.

It is more than ten years since an American Federation of Labor convention has witnessed such a scene; more than a decade since there seemed such promise of realizing the general unity of North American organized workers.

Just prior to the opening of this convention President Green addressed the Trainmen in Toronto. He there issued the invitation that brought President Whitney here, accompanied by his general chairmen on the two big Canadian lines, C. P. R. and N. C. R.

Introduced by President Green, President Whitney declared it the policy of his union to maintain "the closest friendly relations with all labor organizations." Then he said:

"I don't know of any good reason why the trainmen should be on the outside looking in on this greatest labor federation in the world. Before President Green addresses us in Montreal, 103 general chairmen and the Grand Lodge officers went on record in favor of becoming affiliated with you if your Federation saw fit to accept us. After

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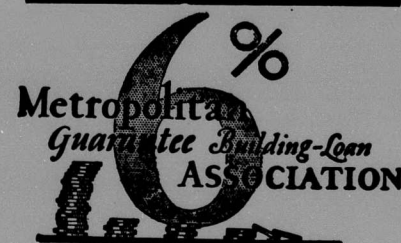


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It thus appears certain that the trainmen will soon be asked to pass upon the question. There was intimation that other brotherhoods might follow suit.

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